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In re Appln. of: Van Gompel et al.

Appln. No.: 10/660,081

Examiner: Musser, Barbara J.

Filed: September 11, 2003

Art Unit: 1733

For: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING AN  
EXPANDABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT

Attorney Docket No: 659-1764

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Amendment and Reply to July 11, 2005 Office Action
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO JULY 11, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 11, 2005, please enter the following amendment in the above-referenced patent application.